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6. All Parts Together, by Tom Mach
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8. Annals of Kansas, by Daniel Webster Wilder
9. Artfully Done: Food, Flowers & Joy Across Generations, by Roxann Banks Dicker (ed.)
10. The Autobiography of William Allen White, by William Allen White
11. The Battle of Black Jack '56, by Dale E. Vaughn
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13. Bleeding Kansas, by Sara Paretsky
14. Bleeding Kansas: Contested Liberty in the Civil War Era, by Nicole Etcheson
15. Bloody Dawn: The Story of the Lawrence Massacre, by Thomas Goodrich
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17. Border Warfare in Southeastern Kansas, 1856-1859, by G. Murlin Welch
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30. Ducks Across the Moon: Life on Eight Acres in the Flint Hills, by Ken Ohm
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35. The Enduring Indians of Kansas: A Century and a Half of Acculturation, by Joseph B. Herring
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